

SENATE—Wednesday, June 6, 2001

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

O God of hope, You have shown us that authentic hope always is rooted in Your faithfulness in keeping Your promises. We hear the psalmist's assurance, "And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You."—Psalm 39:7. We place our hope in Your problem-solving power, Your conflict-resolving presence, and Your anxiety-dissolving peace.

You inspire in us authentic hope in You. We thank You for the incredible happiness we feel when we trust You completely. The expectation of Your timely interventions give us stability and serenity. It makes us bold and courageous, fearless, and free. Again, we agree with the psalmist, "Happy are the people whose God is the Lord."—Psalm 144:15.

Today we thank You for the leadership You have given the Senate through TRENT LOTT and DON NICKLES. Now we ask for Your blessing on TOM DASCHLE and HARRY REID as they assume the demanding responsibilities of majority leadership. Grant all of the Senators the gift of loyalty and inspire the spirit of patriotism that overcomes party spirit and the humility that makes possible dynamic unity. You, dear God, are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BARBARA BOXER, a Senator from the State of California, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 6, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRY REID, a Sen-

ator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. REID thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. BYRD AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows. A resolution (S. Res. 100) to elect Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 100) reads as follows:

S. RES. 100

Resolved, That Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, be, and he is hereby, elected President of the Senate pro tempore, in accordance with rule I, paragraph 1, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider and move to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion was agreed to.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A resolution (S. Res. 101) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 101) reads as follows:

S. RES. 101

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, as President pro tempore.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider and move to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion was agreed to.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The President pro tempore advanced to the desk of the Acting President pro tempore; the oath was administered to him by the Acting President pro tempore.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 102) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 102) reads as follows:

S. RES. 102

Resolved, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, as President pro tempore.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider and move to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion was agreed to.

THANKING AND ELECTING STROM THURMOND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

Mr. LOTT. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.